II. Excise.

2. The Committee next took up the following proposals relating to the Excise Department and agreed to the amounts mentioned against each being included in the Budget for 1107 :—

	Rs.
(1) Local allowance to Petty Officer, Excise Commissioner's Office who gives instructions in drill to the recruits to the Reserve ...	55
(2) Confirmation of the temporary staffs of the Ezhukone and Kilikolloor Railway Chowkeys ...	847
(3) Confirmation of the temporary staff of the Akathumuri Railway Chowkey ...	429
(4) Staff and site for the proposed Railway Chowkey at Pettah ...	1,636
(5) Continuance of the temporary staff for guarding the Arukutty, Piravom and Alwaye frontiers ...	5,940

III. Forests.

3. The Committee considered the proposal for the entertainment of a Forester on Rs. 20 per mensem for the Timber Depot newly opened at Puliannur (Palai) and agreed to the provision of a sum of Rs. 220 required for the purpose in the Budget for 1107.

4. The Committee then took up for consideration the proposal for the entertainment of the following temporary additional staff for the disposal of arrears of kudivila claims :—

In the Conservator's office.

1 clerk on Rs. 50 per mensem.
2 clerks on Rs. 25 each per mensem.

Kottayam and Central Divisions each.

1 clerk on Rs. 30 per mensem.
3 clerks on Rs. 25 each per mensem.
2 clerks on Rs. 20 each per mensem.

Quilon, Northern and Southern Divisions each.

1 clerk on Rs. 30 per mensem.
1 clerk on Rs. 20 for Quilon only.

The non-official members wished to know the number of claims pending in each of the Divisions and the total amount covered by them. Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai explained that it was not possible to collect the information and that an idea of the amount can be had only after tracing the same from the several Depot registers. The consideration of this proposal was postponed pending receipt of further details from the Conservator's office.

IV. General Administration.

5. The Committee then took up the following proposals for consideration :—

The proposal for making the 6 peons temporarily entertained in the Secretariat for 1106 consequent on the appointment of two more

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